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OPA Daily Digest for 9/2/14

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

Sen. Gary Romine – Email – 8/21/14: Requesting briefing for the Missouri Lead Industry Employment, Economic Development & Environmental Remediation Task Force on 9/9/14. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Press Inquiries:

Greenwire – Tiffany Stecker – 8/1/14: Requesting interview with RA for profile piece about EPA's relationship with agriculture community. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Burlington Hawk Eye (Iowa) – Kathleen Finn – 9/2/14: Questions regarding Univar RCRA site. Contact: David Bryan, 7322 (open)

Environmental Stories:

Example: **St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Exelon doubts EPA will order removal of West Lake radioactive waste** - 8/31/14 - Construction has been almost nonstop at the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill this year, with workers laboring even during a frigid January to build the treatment plants and filtering systems that keep the worst of the odors at bay. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/exelon-pulled-into-west-lake-problems/article_f69d6f01-4399-54ef-85a5-2287c1258cb1.html

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Nebraska Radio Network - September is Renewable Fuels Month - 9/3/14 - September is Renewable Fuels Month in Nebraska and the Nebraska Corn Board wants drivers to know of the renewable fuel options available to them. <http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2014/09/03/september-is-renewable-fuels-month/>

High Plains Leader (Liberal, Kan.) - Opinion: EPA rules will harm Kansas - 9/2/14 - Kansas has a long history of caring for our land and natural resources. As farmers all over our state know, the better you care for the land, the better the crops you grow. We are committed to ongoing efforts to protect our resources for future generations.

http://www.leaderandtimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=37&Itemid=39

Hays Post (Kan.) - EPA water proposal: End of farming as we know it? - 9/3/14 - If the EPA's proposed rule to redefine waters of the United States becomes law, farming and ranching as we know it today may end. "This is one of the most egregious oversteps of Congressional intent that has happened in modern times," says Ryan Flickner, Kansas Farm Bureau public policy senior director. "Certainly since the Clean Water Act of 1972." <http://www.hayspost.com/2014/09/03/epa-water-proposal-end-of-farming-as-we-know-it/>

The Daily Iowan (University of Iowa) - Editorial: Proposed EPA rules need clarity - 9/3/14 - Iowan farmers are clamoring for clarification in regards to a rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which may result in steep fines and an unwarranted expansion of the EPA's jurisdiction. <http://www.dailyiowan.com/2014/09/03/Opinions/38785.html>

Osage County Online (Kan.) - Proposed water rule draws concerns of intrusion on farmers' and ranchers' rights - 9/2/14 - There seems to be another government invasion on agriculture producers' already dedicated efforts to care for resources so important to their survival and profitability. <http://www.osagecountyonline.com/archives/11665>

Drovers Cattle Network - Tom Reynolds: EPA's explanation of its clean water proposal - 9/2/14 - This law has nothing to do with land use or private property rights, and our proposal does not do anything to change that. The idea that EPA can use the Clean Water Act to execute a land grab or intrude on private property rights is simply false. <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/latest/Commentary-EPA's-explanation-of-its-clean-water-proposal-273190831.html>

Farm Futures - Research Will Examine Climate, Environmental Impacts on Water Supplies - 9/3/14 - The National Science Foundation and the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture last week announced 26 awards totaling \$25 million in the joint Water Sustainability and Climate program to fund research on water's link to climate change, land use and ecosystems. <http://farmfutures.com/story-research-examine-climate-environmental-impacts-water-supplies-0-117183>

Brownfield Ag News - Advancing ag's environmental performance (audio) - 9/3/14 - The Iowa Soybean Association's (ISA) Environmental Programs and Services (EPS) team works with farmers and others to conserve and protect natural resources. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/09/03/advancing-ag's-environmental-performance/>

St. Louis Business Journal - Noranda says it will cut 200 jobs, expand elsewhere after rate request is denied - 9/2/14 - A southeast Missouri smelter said Tuesday it will cut up to 200 jobs, suspend a \$30 million expansion project and possibly move construction of a new rod mill to another state after its request for a special rate from Ameren Missouri was rejected last month. <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2014/09/02/noranda-says-it-will-cut-200-jobs-expand-elsewhere.html>

National Resources Defense Council (blog) - Explaining Iowa's Credit for Early Action under the Clean Power Plan - 9/3/14 - States have expressed concern about strong targets in those states that took early action to promote renewable energy and transition away from dirty generation. Iowa is one of those states. http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/kmccormick/explaining_iowas_credit_for_ea.html

House Energy & Commerce Committee (release) - State Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan - 9/3/14 - Subcommittee on Energy and Power, chaired by Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, September 9, 2014, entitled, "State Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan." The subcommittee will continue its oversight of EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan next week with a hearing featuring testimony from state regulators. <http://energycommerce.house.gov/press-release/hearing-notice-subcommittee-energy-and-power-1>

Des Moines Register - Ethanol exports could soar if EPA keeps cut to mandate - 9/2/14 - Ethanol exports could top 1 billion gallons if the government agency in charge of

overseeing how much of the renewable fuel is blended into the country's gasoline supply moves forward with a proposed cut, the head of an ethanol trade group said this week. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/2014/09/02/ethanol-exports/14984105/>
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Media Matters - Right-Wing Watchdogs Push "Bogus" EPA Map Conspiracy - 9/2/14 - A group of right-wing news sites coordinated across the U.S. are baselessly pushing a conspiracy theory that the EPA has been hiding new maps that reveal an "alarming" power grab. But the maps of U.S. waterways were simply updated from versions created during the Bush administration, and are helping the agency keep drinking water safe more efficiently. <http://mediamatters.org/blog/2014/09/02/right-wing-watchdogs-push-bogus-epa-map-conspir/200602>

Associated Press - EPA approves FutureGen plan for carbon dioxide storage - 9/2/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday said it has approved permits for the FutureGen clean coal project to store carbon dioxide underground, a key step in the longstanding plan to build the project. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-approves-futuregen-plan-for-carbon-dioxide-storage/article_3a5a3b42-0de6-5621-8e60-dd446b50244b.html

Associated Press - Noranda laying off employees, suspending expansion - 9/3/14 - Noranda Aluminum Inc. announced Tuesday that it is laying off up to 200 employees and suspending an expansion project at its southeast Missouri smelter because state regulators refused to lower its electricity rates. http://www.bnd.com/2014/09/02/3379438_noranda-laying-off-employees-suspending.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Missouri regulators to investigate solar rebate payments - 9/3/14 - Missouri regulators will look into complaints that the state's investor-owned utilities have taken longer than the maximum 30 days to pay solar rebates to customers. The Missouri Public Service Commission staff proposed investigating the payment practices of Kansas City Power & Light and Ameren Missouri two months ago. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/missouri-regulators-to-investigate-solar-rebate-payments/article_276cbf3d-1d02-5593-98ae-67e49d949652.html

Brownfield Ag News - Farmer looks at cover crops' long range benefit - 9/2/14 - Rick Juchems grows cover crops on his northeast Iowa farm to conserve soil and water, and also to feed what he refers to as the livestock that reside in the soil. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/09/02/farmer-looks-at-cover-crops-long-range-benefit/>

Climate Central - Wind, Solar Boosting Investment in Power Lines - 9/3/14 - If it seems like the ubiquitous spaghetti strands of electric power transmission lines are more and more common these days, it's not your imagination. They're growing everywhere. <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/wind-solar-boosting-investment-in-power-lines-17949>

Iowa Public Radio - Frack Sand Mining Unlikely in Allamakee County - 9/2/14 - Even with the new rules, Zoning Administrator Tom Blake says it's unlikely a mine will open any time soon. He says area residents are concerned about the possible environmental impacts of a mine. <http://iowapublicradio.org/post/frack-sand-mining-unlikely-allamakee-county>

Brownfield Ag News - Grand opening for POET's cellulosic plant - 9/3/14 - The much-anticipated grand opening of POET-DSM's cellulosic ethanol plant in Emmetsburg, Iowa is taking place today. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/09/03/grand-opening-for-poets-cellulosic-plant/>

Washington Examiner (D.C.) - EPA chief to investors: We need more gas pipelines - 9/2/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy wants energy investors to spend their dollars on building infrastructure to carry natural gas across the country. <http://washingtonexaminer.com/epa-chief-to-investors-we-need-more-gas-pipelines/article/2552739>

The Hill - EPA regs a smart investment for utilities - 9/2/14 - Earlier this year, Barclays sent ripples through the U.S. electric power industry when it downgraded the entire sector's credit rating. Traditionally deemed one of the most reliable investment opportunities, the sector's downgrade to "under weight" means that electric power providers may have a harder time accessing cheap credit. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/216391-epa-regs-a-smart-investment-for-utilities>

The Hill - EPA chief pushes economic case of capturing methane - 9/2/14 - Environmental Protection Agency chief Gina McCarthy on Tuesday stressed the need for industry to tamp down on methane leaks and flaring. While taking steps to capture methane would help combat climate change, it would also make companies more profitable, McCarthy argued at an energy conference. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/216398-epa-chief-presses-industry-on-economic-case-of-capturing-methane>

The Hill - GOP launches probe of 'improper influence' on EPA climate rule - 9/2/14 - Republicans are investigating what they call "improper influence" from a national green group on the Obama administration's signature Environmental Protection Agency climate change regulation. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/216419-gop-launches-probe-of-green-groups-improper-influence-on-epa>

Washington Examiner - GOP lawmakers probe EPA - 9/2/14 - Republican lawmakers are launching an investigation to determine whether an environmental group wielded outsized influence in the development of Environmental Protection Agency power plant rules. <http://washingtonexaminer.com/gop-lawmakers-probe-epa/article/2552733>

Washington Examiner - EPA chief mum on potential new fracking regs - 9/2/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said the agency is on track to release its strategy for controlling methane gas leaks this fall, but didn't hint at whether it would include new regulations. <http://washingtonexaminer.com/epa-chief-mum-on-potential-new-fracking-regs/article/2552719>

The Blaze - GOP probes environmental group's influence over EPA on carbon emissions rule - 9/2/14 - Republicans in the House and Senate have launched an investigation into whether a major environmental group colluded with the Environmental Protection Agency to help write a controversial carbon emissions rule outside the normal, open regulatory process. <http://www.theblaze.com/blog/2014/09/02/gop-probes-environmental-groups-influence-over-epa-on-carbon-emissions-rule/>

Mashable (blog) - New York Times Adds Climate Editor After Slashing Environmental Coverage - 9/2/14 - About 19 months after closing down its special team of environmental reporters, the New York Times has named Adam Bryant as editor overseeing climate change and environmental issues for the paper's science coverage. <http://mashable.com/2014/09/02/new-york-times-adds-climate-editor/>

Fox News - As new climate change summit looms, UN environment efforts still a mess, study says - 9/2/14 - This month, the United Nations will double down at another climate summit on calls for sweeping and costly global action on a wide array of environmental fronts, as part of a drive for "sustainable development" and a comprehensive new global climate control treaty. <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2014/09/02/as-new-climate-change-summit-looms-un-environment-efforts-still-mess-study-says/>

N.J.com - 'Needless slaughter:' New EPA rule for power plants doesn't protect marine life, lawsuit claims - 9/3/14 - A coalition of national and local environmental groups has sued the federal government, claiming that a new EPA rule for water intake for the country's largest power plants and factories fails to protect aquatic species. http://www.nj.com/essex/index.ssf/2014/09/nj_and_national_enviro_groups_sue_over_epas_new_industrial_water_rule.html

Bloomberg - EPA May Force Drillers to Cut Methane Leaks, Chief Says - 9/2/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency is considering rules that would force oil and gas producers to cut methane emissions, its chief said, stepping up efforts to curb the most potent greenhouse gas linked to climate change. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-09-02/epa-may-force-drillers-to-cut-methane-leaks-chief-says.html>

Bloomberg - EPA's Renewable Fuel Quota May Rise as Gasoline Sales Climb - 9/2/14 - U.S. renewable fuel quotas may end up higher than a proposal issued last year because gasoline use is climbing, the Environmental Protection Agency's chief said. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-09-02/epa-s-renewable-fuel-quota-may-rise-as-gasoline-sales-climb-1-.html>

The Energy Collective - New EPA Carbon Standards Compliance Strategies (Part 1): Which Technologies Have Reduced U.S. Power Carbon Emissions Since 2005? - 9/3/14 - While the possible negative impacts on many Power Grids' reliabilities, future Consumer power costs, and individual States' economies are now being strongly debated, there is a fairly promising factor that has not been very clearly communicated in recent months. <http://theenergycollective.com/jemillerep/479016/new-epa-carbon-standards-compliance-strategies-which-technologies-have-most-reduce>

Forbes - The IRS Is Giving Away \$13 Billion A Year In Wind Energy Subsidies, Without Congressional Authorization - 9/2/14 - The main federal handout for the wind energy industry has grown considerably despite the fact that it expired at the end of 2013. Over the past two years, IRS administrators have relaxed the eligibility requirements to make it easier for in-progress wind farm projects to qualify for government subsidies. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2014/09/02/the-irs-is-giving-away-13-billion-a-year-in-wind-energy-subsidies-without-congressional-authorization/>

Greenwire - Climate rule architects frequented White House ahead of rollout - 9/3/14 - Top White House energy and climate officials held a flurry of meetings with U.S. EPA's top brass in the run-up to the release of a proposal to clamp down on power plants' emissions. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060005172/>

Greenwire - Panel members get consulting cash from labs they oversee - 9/2/14 - Certain members of the Department of Energy's panel reviewing its national laboratories are paid consultants to some of the same labs that they are charged with overseeing. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060005110>

Greenwire - House poised to vote on bill blocking CWA reg - 9/2/14 - The House is set to take up a bill to block a controversial U.S. EPA water proposal when members return to Capitol Hill next week. The House Rules Committee yesterday announced a Monday night deadline for amendments to the measure, H.R. 5078 from Florida Republican Rep. Steve Southerland. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060005173/>

Greenwire - EPA approves first-ever underground CO2 storage permits - 9/2/14 - U.S. EPA yesterday announced the final permits for the FutureGen 2.0 carbon capture and sequestration project in central Illinois, a milestone in the country's efforts to make coal cleaner. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060005170/>

Greenwire - Rules are needed for closing reactors -- NRC chief - 9/2/14 - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission chief hopes to formulate new rules for reactors that companies want to mothball, an issue that sparked partisan fights on Capitol Hill earlier this year. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060005167/>

E&E News PM - EPA weighs regs, voluntary programs to limit methane emissions -- McCarthy - 9/2/14 - As part of a strategy to limit methane escaping from oil and gas wells, U.S. EPA is considering an array of options, including regulations written under the same section of the Clean Air Act as its recent proposal to reduce the power sector's contribution to climate change, Administrator Gina McCarthy told an energy finance conference today. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060005124/>

E&E News PM - Enviros want courts to reverse EPA cooling water rule - 9/2/14 - Environmental groups today filed petitions with three federal courts seeking to overturn a final U.S. EPA cooling water rule that they argue will do little to protect the billions of fish, larvae and other species vacuumed into power plants and factories each year. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060005131/>

BNA - Advocates' Lawsuit Against EPA Claims Cooling Water Intake Rule Is Inadequate - 9/2/14 - A coalition of environmental groups sued the Environmental Protection

Agency in three separate federal appellate courts Sept. 2 for promulgating a rule that they say inadequately protects fish and other aquatic species from being trapped and killed inside cooling water intake structures. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=52386005&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f5h4y9a7&split=0

BNA - OMB Completes Effluent Guideline Plan Review - 9/2/14 - The White House Office of Management and Budget has completed its review of the Environmental Protection Agency's draft final 2012 program plan as well as its draft preliminary 2014 plan for regulating industrial and municipal waste discharges. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=52385988&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f5h4d5g8&split=0

BNA - EPA Will Stress Efficiency in Strategy For Methane This Fall, McCarthy Says - 9/2/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency will issue a methane strategy in the fall that could include revisions to performance standards for oil and gas wells issued in 2012, Administrator Gina McCarthy said. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=52385999&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f5h4w1z6&split=0

BNA - Court Approves Lowe's Lead Paint Settlement - 9/2/14 - Lowe's Home Centers LLC will pay \$500,000 to settle allegations that its contractors violated the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois ruled in an Aug. 29 decision closing the case. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=52386000&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f5h4w5x6&split=0

BNA - EPA Updates Clean Air Applicability Index - 9/2/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency has updated its Applicability Determination Index to include 64 new documents on Clean Air Act applicability and monitoring issues, according to a notice scheduled for publication Sept. 3. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=52386001&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f5h4x4y1&split=0

Inside EPA - 7th Circuit Waives 60-Day Limit For EPA Rule Suits, Splitting Appeals Courts - 9/2/14 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in a new ruling waived a Clean Air Act limit on filing legal challenges to EPA regulations within 60 days of their final issuance. <http://insideepa.com/201409022480572/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/7th-circuit-waives-60-day-limit-for-epa-rule-suits-splitting-appeals-courts/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Industry Calls For New Finance Utilities To Cut Mississippi Basin Nutrients - 9/2/14 - Agriculture and water utility groups are urging regulators to develop novel "watershed protection utilities" (WPU) that would collect and dispense financing for projects to reduce nutrient-reduction pollution in Mississippi River Basin states. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/industry-calls-for-new-finance-utilities-to-cut-mississippi-basin-nutrients/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - Court Backs EPA Veto Of State Water Limit, Teeing Up 'Deference' Review - 9/2/14 - A federal appellate court has backed EPA's authority to reject state water quality criteria in a ruling that defers to the agency's interpretation of its own rules but opens the door for unsuccessful industry litigants to take the question to the Supreme Court. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/court-backs-epa-veto-of-state-water-limit-teeing-up-deference-review/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - Industry Cites EPA's Lack Of CCS Testing Plan In Bid To Scrap RCRA Rule - 9/2/14 - Energy groups say EPA failed to provide a plan for assessing whether carbon dioxide (CO2) streams are hazardous waste in its rule excluding carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) from strict Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) rules. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/industry-cites-epas-lack-of-ccs-testing-plan-in-bid-to-scrap-rcra-rule/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - EPA's Analysis Of Stricter Lead Standard Delaying Superfund Cleanup - 9/2/14 - EPA is continuing to struggle with the question of whether the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) tightened standard for acceptable blood lead levels in children. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/epas-analysis-of-stricter-lead-standard-delaying-superfund-cleanup/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Appears To Reject SAB Calls To Clarify Controversial 'Waters' Proposal - 9/2/14 - EPA appears to be rejecting calls from a Science Advisory Board (SAB) panel to clarify critical provisions in its controversial plan for further defining when waters are subject to Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/epa-appears-to-reject-sab-calls-to-clarify-controversial-waters-proposal/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Urged To Refocus Air Policy On Flexible State Rules For Small Sources - 9/2/14 - EPA is facing calls from a law professor to overhaul its long-running Clean Air Act policy focus on federal rules for large industrial sources of air pollution and shift to a flexible, state-led approach to regulate smaller sources. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/epa-urged-to-refocus-air-policy-on-flexible-state-rules-for-small-sources/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - Advocates Fight 1980 EPA Rule To Expand Scope Of 'Nonattainment' NSR - 9/2/14 - Environmentalists are using a suit over a waste incinerator Clean Air Act permit as a vehicle for challenging a 1980 EPA rule that they argue unlawfully limits the scope of new source review (NSR) emissions control requirements in areas out of attainment with federal air standards to only those pollutants exceeding EPA's limits. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/advocates-fight-1980-epa-rule-to-expand-scope-of-nonattainment-nsr/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - Doubting State, Industry Harms, EPA Again Urges Court To Reinstate CSAPR - 9/2/14 - EPA is again urging a federal appeals court to reinstate implementation of its Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) while delaying the rule's compliance deadlines by three years. <http://insideepa.com/Environmental-Policy-Alert/Environmental-Policy-Alert-09/03/2014/doubting-state-industry-harms-epa-again-urges-court-to-reinstate-csapr/menu-id-132.html>

Inside EPA - EPA 'Tier III' Test Change May Complicate Achieving Fuel Economy Goals - 9/3/14 - EPA's recent decision in its "Tier III" vehicle emissions rule to increase the amount of ethanol in certification fuel used to determine an automobile's compliance with the standard could complicate automakers' ability to meet separate fuel economy and greenhouse gas (GHG) rules for cars subject to a different type of certification, observers say. <http://insideepa.com/201409032480580/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-tier-iii-test-change-may-complicate-achieving-fuel-economy-goals/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Revisions To Industrial Emissions 'Factors' Prompt Mixed Reaction - 9/3/14 - EPA's proposal to update its emissions "factors" -- statistical tools it uses to estimate industrial facilities' emissions -- is prompting a mixed reaction from observers. <http://insideepa.com/201409032480579/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-revisions-to-industrial-emissions-factors-prompt-mixed-reaction/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/3-4/14 – Office of Water Visit to Region 7, Regional Office. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

9/10/14 - Kansas City Steel Redevelopment/Walmart Grand Opening, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

9/10/14 – U.S. Health & Human Services Senior Leadership Meeting (Clean Power Plan), Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Curtis Carey, 7506

9/14-17/14 – Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Fall Meeting, Santa Fe, N.M. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

8/28/14 – The Nature Conservancy-Missouri Board of Trustees Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

8/29/14 – Interview with Greenwire, Regional Office. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

8/30/14 – Dedication Ceremony – Kickapoo Diabetes Walking/Running Trail, Horton, Kan. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

9/30/14 – Midwest Energy Policy Conference, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

10/9/14 – Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environmental Roundtable and Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Dave Bryan, 7433

10/10/14 – Nebraska State Bar Association, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/30/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

DRA:

9/10/14 - Next Generation State Visit, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Kevin Barthol, 7264

9/16/14 - Meet with Arthur Elkins, Office of Inspector General, Regional Office Contact: Renee McGhee-Lenart

10/7/14 - Employee Appreciation Event, Regional Office contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

*** 9/30/14 - 10/2/14** - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Project Officer Training, Washington, D.C. Contact: Corazzin, 7429

9/30/14 – National EJ Coordinator’s Meeting in Washington, D.C. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

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9/29-30/14 - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers’ Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

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9/4/14 – Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning & Response Meeting, Topeka, Kan. – Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

9/10-11/14 – Defense Support to Civilian Authorities (DSCA) Command Executive Seminar with General Jacoby, Kansas City, Mo. – Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

9/18/14 – Northeast Missouri Regional Hazmat Planning Meeting, Macon, Mo. – Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

9/19/14 – Missouri Emergency Response Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. – Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

WWPD

9/8-11/14 – National EPA Small Systems Drinking Water Technical Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

9/9/14 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water Program Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

***9/10-11/14** – Kansas Department of Health and Environment Geology Seminar presentations, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/18-19/14 – Shell Creek Watershed Planning Meeting, Platte Center, Neb. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

Des Moines Register

Ethanol exports could soar if EPA keeps cut to mandate

By Christopher Doering
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Ethanol exports could top 1 billion gallons if the government agency in charge of overseeing how much of the renewable fuel is blended into the country's gasoline supply moves forward with a proposed cut, the head of an ethanol trade group said this week.

In November, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed reducing ethanol produced from corn in 2014 to 13.01 billion gallons from the 14.4 billion gallons initially required by Congress in the 2007 Renewable Fuel Standard. That law requires refiners to buy alternative fuels made from corn, soybeans and other products to reduce the country's dependence on foreign energy. A final rule is expected during the next few months.

Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association, told Platts Energy Week that if the EPA acts on the proposed cuts, the ethanol industry will look to the export market to sell some of its largely corn-based fuel. Last year, the U.S. exported 622 million gallons of ethanol, about half of it to Canada.

"Unfortunately, we're probably going to have to export more than 1 billion gallons of it, because the demand by the RFS is being artificially constrained by the EPA," Dinneen said.

Iowa leads the nation in renewable fuels production. It has 42 ethanol refineries capable of producing more than 3.8 billion gallons annually and 12 biodiesel facilities with the capacity to produce nearly 315 million gallons annually.